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BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE

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A Community Where Our Spiritual Life And True Self Can Be Realized

Our Mission

To Live A Life Of Joy In The Nembutsu And Share The Dharma With Others

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5 NO SERVICE	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 NO SERVICE	13	14 Crafts 10am – 1pm  Temple Board Mtg. 7:30pm	15	16	17	18
19 NO SERVICE	20	21 Padma Newsletter 6:30pm	22	23	24	25
26 9:30 am Combined Dharma Family/ Shotsuki Hoyo Service  Tea Time following service	27	28 Crafts 10am – 1pm	29	30	31	

# **FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER**

**August 5, 12, 19 - No services**

**August 26 - DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo**

**September 2 - No service**

**September 9 - DFS; Start of Dharma School**

**September 16 - Fall O-Higan service &  
Potluck lunch**

**September 30 - DFS & Shotsuki Hoyo**

## A Cicada's Cry

静けさや	Shizukesaya	<i>Lonely stillness—</i>
岩に滲み入る	Iwa ni shimiiru	<i>a single cicada's cry</i>
蟬の声	Semi no koe	<i>sinking into stone<sup>1</sup></i>

I LOVE KYOTO! Of course, Kyoto is a city of great historic and religious importance. It was the imperial capital of Japan for centuries and the site of many political and military conflicts. It is also the home of hundreds, if not thousands of Buddhist temples, including the Hongwanji, the mother temple of our own branch of Jōdo Shinshū. Kyoto also has personal importance to me. It is where I studied for many years and received ordination from the Hongwanji. It is where I met many of my wonderful Dharma teachers and friends. It is also the place where Diane and I met, got married, and spent our honeymoon years.

Kyoto is now a bustling and ever-changing metropolitan area. But old Kyoto is very slow to change. Many temples, and houses, have stood for centuries. As you walk through the old neighborhoods, you get the sense that in Kyoto the traditional ways are still alive and still valued. Kyoto also has its own rhythm, smell and sounds. You can feel it in the old streets, smell it in the ever-present incense, and hear it in the Kyoto dialect (*Kyōtoben*), which is still spoken by old-time residents. And sounds of nature, which can be heard once in a while in the big city din, draw your thoughts back to earlier times, as they did for Bashō (1644-1694) the great haiku poet, who wrote, "Even in Kyoto, / how I long for old Kyoto / when the cuckoo sings."<sup>2</sup>

Bashō's haiku resonate with the sounds of nature, and through his aural imagery, we rediscover our own nature. The poem above places me in the solitary stillness of a summer's day, lost in my thoughts. Suddenly the voice of a cicada cries out, and that sound of life pierces into my stone-like heart, opening it up to the existence of all things. Perhaps Bashō suggests that the voice of the Buddha can be heard in the cicada's cry and the cicada's cry is, at this moment for me, the voice of the Buddha. "Even temple bells / seem to be ringing in / the cicada's cry."<sup>3</sup>

And then Bashō tells us more: A cicada's cry is the sound of both the limitation and the infinite potential of life itself.

There are many varieties of cicada's throughout the world and most have distinct features. Cicadas can live for many years, but mostly underground. In Japan, cicadas emerge from the ground during the late summer in order to find mates. In order to do so, they emit a high-pitched buzzing sound, the "voice" or "cry" of the cicada. Another notable feature is that, once above ground, cicadas only live for a very brief time. In August the cries of millions of cicadas can be heard everywhere in Kyoto. That is the sound of summer in Japan for me, but for Bashō it was something more. As this famous haiku tells us, it is the cry of life itself—sensing its brevity and singing of its infinite value in each moment, this moment.

やがて死ぬ	/	けしきは見えず	/	蟬の声
Yagate shinu	/	keshiki wa miezu	/	semi no koe
<i>Nothing in the cry / of cicadas suggests they / are about to die.<sup>4</sup></i>				

And what about us? Are we able to hear the voice of the Buddha in the cicada's cry?

Namu Amida Butsu  
Rev. D. Matsumoto  
August 2012

<sup>1</sup> Matsuo Bashō, Sam Hamill, trans., *Narrow Road to the Interior and other writings* (Boston & London: Shambala, 1998), 22.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, 135.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, 129.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, 119.

# COMBINED DHARMA FAMILY SERVICE & SHOTSUKI MEMORIAL SERVICE

August 26, 2012  
9:30 am

## Shotsuki Hoyo Service - August 26, 2012, 9:30 AM

The following persons will be remembered during the Shotsuki Hoyo (monthly memorial service) for August.

Matsu Fujii	Masao Fukawa	Fuyu Furukawa
Hisao Furuzawa	Katsujiro Furuzawa	Kiroku Furuzawa
Kiyoshi Furuzawa	Yae Furuzawa	Misao Hataye
Ellen Honda	Ralph C. Honda	Harry Noboru Ikeda
Rev. Kanmo Imamura	Arthur Akira Iwata	Hiroshi Kanda
Hiroshi Charles Kaneko	Risuno Kaneshita	Soeko Kawamoto
Kazuko Long	Mitsuo Maegoto	Stanley T. Marubayashi
Hitoshi Marumoto	George Shigeru Matsuoka	Eiko Morishige
Saichiro Muramoto	Kiyo Nakagawa	Michio Andy Nishikado
Yaye Oda	Fujio Okano	Shizuye Okubo
Yukie Hiramoto Onizuka	Asami Kawachi Oyama	Takaaki Sakamoto
Natsuko Nancy Shimada	Tadao Shiozaki	Shige Tanada
Lorraine Tokiwa	Kiyono Tominaga	Suematsu Uemura
Hyakuzo Yamada	Toshiko Yamamoto	Haru Yamashita
Kiuzo Yoshinaga		

Note: If there are any additions, corrections or deletions to the above list, please notify the Berkeley Buddhist Temple at 510-841-1356.

## Buddha Nature and Rodney King

By Diane Ames

One could make a case that Shinran believed we all have the potential to develop Buddha nature even if we do not seem to be manifesting it just now. A passage in the *Kyogyoshinsho* likens it to the butter that might come out of cream, given the right conditions. The cream may just sit there not acting the least bit like butter until its shelf life comes to an end, or it may suddenly give birth to butter if it is sufficiently shaken up, which metaphor may be apt for the case of the late Rodney King (1965-2012).

Just about everybody considered Rodney King a loser. He had served time for a robbery during which he panicked, hit the owner of the store he was robbing with a wooden pole, and got caught, all over \$200. He was also an alcoholic whose habit of driving under the influence led to multiple disasters for himself and sometimes for others. His family was alienated. Two wives left him in disgust. His life seemed a hopeless mess.

Then one night in Los Angeles in 1991, King was pulled over on yet another DUI. Being drunk out of his mind, he led the police on a car chase. When caught, he resisted being forced to lie on the ground. But he did nothing to justify the 56 baton blows and 6 kicks, causing multiple fractures and damage to the kidneys and brain, that the officers proceeded to inflict. A bystander secretly videotaped the beating. The tape appeared on TV, causing outrage and inspiring a movement to combat police brutality. It also caused some of the policemen involved to be put on trial for use of excessive force. When a jury from Simi Valley, an area full of resident policemen, acquitted them, rioting broke out in poor African-American neighborhoods in L.A. and other cities over suspicions that it all had something to do with King's black skin. In six days of violence that came to involve black, Hispanic, and white rioters, 53 people were killed.

Obviously nobody had more reason to be mad about police brutality than Rodney King. Yet after two days of watching what the media called the Rodney King riots, he appeared on television to plead in tears for an end to the bloodshed, sobbing, eloquently, "Can't we all just get along?" And the nation was moved.

The working of the Buddha nature in human life has been compared to the little light that finds its way through the clouds on even the darkest day. Or, one might add, in even the most benighted life. May Rodney King rest in peace.

Berkeley Buddhist Temple expresses condolences and deep sympathy

To the family of  
Mrs. Hisako Irene Mitsuyasu  
Shaku Jo Zen  
April 24, 1922 - June 29, 2012

Namu Amida Butsu      Namu Amida Butsu      Namu Amida Butsu



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The following is a list of special service years. If you have a dear departed relative who passed away in any of the listed years, and would like to make arrangements for a memorial service, please contact Rev. Matsumoto at (510) 841-1356.  
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2012 MEMORIAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
2011	1 <sup>st</sup> Year
2010	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
2006	7 <sup>th</sup> Year
2000	13 <sup>th</sup> Year
1996	17 <sup>th</sup> Year
1988	25 <sup>th</sup> Year
1980	33 <sup>rd</sup> Year
1963	50 <sup>th</sup> Year
1913	100 <sup>th</sup> Year

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Attendance: Willie Fernandez, Lucy Hamai, Don Hamasaki, Ron Hiraga, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Dii Lewis, Takashi Nikaidoh, Emi Nakao, Gary Oda, Wayne Sugihara, David Ushijima, Russell Ware, Marrie Yamashita, Lena Yin, Yuki Otake, Judy Fujimoto.  
Proxies: Susan Gabriel, Judy Kono. Guest: Mark Sugihara.

President Willie Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:42PM with opening gassho.

APRIL MINUTES: Kiyoshi Katsumoto moved to accept the April minutes; seconded by Lena Yin and passed. Wayne Sugihara graciously volunteered to be the substitute secretary for the June meeting.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Matsumoto submitted a written report for the period April 10-May 8, which included the following: 4 meetings; 4 consultations, 2 home visitations; 2 FAC meetings; 2 off-site memorial services; 2 Makuragyo; 4/11-13 IHOPE Conference by CBE @JSC; 4/15 and 4/22 BBT DFS; 4/27 BBT DFS & Shotsuki Memorial Service; 5/6 BBT Bazaar construction. Upcoming Events & Activities: 5/13 BBT Gotanye & Parents Day Service; 5/18 Graduation & Trustees Mtg. @ JSC; 5/19 BCA Endowment Fund Mtg. @JSC; 5/19-5/20 BBT Satsuki Bazaar; 5/27 BBT DF & Shotsuki Memorial Service; 5/30 Visitors to BBT from Hongwanji; 6/2 Bishop Ascension Ceremony & Banquet; 6/3 BBT DFS & Graduation Service.

TREASURER'S REPORT: no report.

CORRESPONDENCE: no report.

#### REPORTS BY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

BBWA: Yuki Otake reported that the Colma Cemetery Visitation will take place on 6/24 and, after the brief service, members will attend the Alameda Buddhist Temple's bazaar; on 6/23 "A Women's Dharma Gathering" will take place at the JSC with the keynote speaker Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi, and the BBWA cabinet has voted to pay for half the registration of any BBWA member interested in attending; the Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations 42nd conference will take place 10/12-10/14 at the Doubletree, San Jose, with keynote speakers Rev. Masumi Kikushi (Japanese) and Evelyn Nakano Glenn (English).

DHARMA SCHOOL: Kiyoshi Katsumoto reported that the Parents' Day Service will take place on 5/13 and that graduation certificates have arrived from the BCA.

JR. YBA: no report.

J-SEI: Yuki Otake reported that J-Sei is offering a free fund development training workshop facilitated by Nancy Otto and Stan Yogi on Thursday, May 31, @ BMU Church, 1710 Carleton St., with dinner served at 5:30PM to all attendees. The registration deadline is 5/15; contact [diane@j-sei.org](mailto:diane@j-sei.org). Scott Takeda is willing to attend for the BBT. The Board suggested that other Temple affiliated organizations be informed about this fund raising workshop.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE: Marrie Yamashita will co-ordinate with Kai Wilmsen on the high school religious chair schedule.

PLEDGE/MEMBERSHIP: Mimi Kagehiro issued a report stating that there are 185 individual members from 124 families.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: no report.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE: no report.

APARTMENTS: Ron Hiraga reported that all units are occupied, and the Temple received a check from the Fulton apartments and a check from the Channing apartments.



## OTHER REPORTS

**SATSUKI BAZAAR:** Ron Hiraga reported that the new booth banners are printed and there was a great turnout for construction day. A big thank you goes to Vicki Chin and the May toban for providing the delicious refreshments. Russell Ware presented a sample of the new Sangha T-shirt, which comes in men's small, medium, and large and may be pre-ordered.

**TELEPHONE/WI-FI:** Mark Sugihara confirmed that AT&T will repair on 5/9 the non-functioning telephone and internet service. Kiyoshi Katsumoto and Mark will oversee this repair and updating of the system. Mark has purchased a new modem and a new base wireless telephone with three extensions. Kiyoshi reported on the steps needed to reduce the monthly phone bill. Gary Oda moved that the changes be made to the phone/internet system as recommended by Mark and Kiyoshi; seconded by Russell Ware. Wayne Sugihara made an amendment to the motion that Mark be reimbursed for the phone and internet equipment he has purchased; amended motion seconded by Russell Ware and passed.

**TEMPLE PHONE SYSTEM:** Lucy Hamai reported that a sub-committee (Lena Yin, Susan Gabriel, Karen Kato, Gary Oda) met with Tony Hale and her to discuss instituting the Phonevite system for Temple communications. The committee decided that the Phonevite system's administrators should be the FAC (Kiyoshi Katsumoto & Lucy), the Toban coordinator (Susan Gabriel), Membership Data coordinator (Denise Lapidus), and Rev. Matsumoto. The administrators oversee the proper usage of the system as well as coordinate and update the call list. Tony will format the Phonevite system as well as train the administrators in its usage before it is initiated. Kiyoshi Katsumoto moved that a \$100 be sent to Phonevite to open the Temple's account; seconded by Emi Nakao and passed.

**BBT-ONLY SILENT AUCTION:** no report.

**YBICSE REUNION:** Lucy Hamai reported, on behalf of Judy Kono, the YBICSE's request to stay overnight at the Temple and use Temple facilities for breakfast during their July 20-21 reunion, as there is a Tokudo training session at the JSC, where the YBICSE had originally planned to meet. The Board advised Lucy to send to the YBICSE the Temple's facilities usage requirements before any further consideration of their request is discussed.

**BISHOP ASCENSION SERVICE:** Lucy Hamai, on behalf of Judy Kono, asked what Temple representative and members will be attending the June 2 service and/or banquet. As of this meeting, Emiko and Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Judy Kono, Lucy Hamai, Edythe Vassall, Willie Fernandez, and some BBT members of the Northern California Gagaku Group will attend.

**TOKUDO ASSISTANCE:** no report.

**TEMPLE SECURITY:** Gary Oda reported that Rev. Matsumoto and he met with the security alarm company and plans have been made to secure the Gohonzon with a 24 hour monitor, alarm the social hall doors, upgrade the keypad, and purchase three remote controls.

Thank you to Russell Ware and Ron Hiraga for the meeting's refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM with closing gassho led by Don Hamasaki.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Fujimoto

Please contact a Board member if further clarification of these minutes is needed.

BERKELEY BUDDHIST TEMPLE  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
June 12, 2012

Attendance: Rev. David Matsumoto, Willie Fernandez, Art Nishimura, Susan Gabriel, Lucy Hamai, Don Hamasaki, Kiyoshi Katsumoto, Emiko Katsumoto, Dii Lewis, Emi Nakao, Takashi Nikaidoh, Gary Oda, David Ushijima, Yuki Otake. Proxies: Judy Fujimoto, Ron Hiraga, Judy Kono, Jon Kawamoto, Wayne Sugihara, Lena Yin

Co-president Willie Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm with opening gassho led by Rev. Matsumoto.

MAY MINUTES: Correction: Closing gassho was led by Kiyoshi Katsumoto.

MINISTER'S REPORT: Rev. Matsumoto issued a written report for the period May 8 to June 12, 2012. He thanked the FAC for helping with Mrs. Stella Kimura's funeral service June 10. He will be in Kyoto for 10 days on business this month. MA Diana Thompson will give the howa June 24 during his absence, and MA Edythe Vassall will be the officiant for the outing to Colma cemetery for Sochoki hoyo that same day. O-hakamairi will take place July 7, and Rev. Yukiko Motoyoshi will be our guest speaker for Obon/Hatsubon service July 8. Chapel of the Chimes wishes to involve our temple in its Community Partnership Program. He will discuss this with the Funeral Arrangements Committee.

He and Gary Oda will meet at temple on Tuesday, June 19, to oversee the augmentation of our temple alarm system, which will now include the Gohonzon and social hall/kitchen. Temple users will now need to disarm the kitchen/social hall from the hondo, which is connected wirelessly. The code will remain the same. Temple users will be notified by Padma.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Satoshi Steimetz issued a written report for the period 5.1.12 to 5.31.12

CORRESPONDENCE: no report

#### REPORTS BY AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

BBWA: Yuki Otake reported that the Masako Oishi scholarship recipient for 2012 was Kaz Lewis. After the June 24 Colma visitation, members will visit the Alameda bazaar. BBWA would like to have a pre-order sushi sale for the Obon service with proceeds to benefit the BBWA 100th anniversary in 2014.

DHARMA SCHOOL: Rev. Matsumoto reported that six of the seven DS high school graduates participated in the graduation service June 3. Next year the BD Dharma School will host the Federation conference.

JR.YBA: Rev. Matsumoto reported that the annual BD Jr. YBA retreat will be held at San Luis Obispo June 29 through July 1.

J-SEI – Yuki Otake reported that J-SEI will host the first annual Family Festival on Sunday, September 9 from 11 am to 3 pm at the El Cerrito Community Center (event replacing the Walkathon). Member organizations will have the opportunity to host a food or information table with any proceeds benefitting the respective member organization.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE: There will be no service on Sunday, July 1 and 15. Art Nishimura will contact Nanayo Silver to explore possibility of an all-temple outing to SFBC for service and visit to the relics on either September 23 or October 14.

PLEDGE/MEMBERSHIP: No report

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Kiyoshi Katsumoto reported that he attempted to extend the inspection period of our main kitchen's fire extinguisher system, which is required by Berkeley City ordinance, but was informed that we must adhere to the semiannual inspection schedule. The cost is about \$170. He will also get quotes for the cleaning of our hondo and stairway carpeting.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE: No report

APARTMENTS: Ron Hiraga issued a report that all units are occupied. The Fulton Street exterior wood trim will be painted this summer. We've received a reimbursement for Channing St. apartments.

## OTHER REPORTS

SATSUKI BAZAAR: A preliminary financial report showed that we grossed about \$3,500 more than last year. We should charge more for shaved ice next year. Russell Ware has agreed to serve as a co-chair along with Ron Hiraga and Kiyoshi Katsumoto for next year.

TELEPHONE/WI-FI: With our switch to ATT-Uverse, we now have Wi-Fi access throughout the temple, and our monthly bills should be about \$70 less. Thanks were extended to Mark Sugihara for installing the new router and getting the system to operate correctly.

YBICSE REUNION for age 18-24: This group wishes to use our social hall and kitchen for an overnight and possibly two meals on July 20-21. The board agreed to allow this if BCA can provide a certificate of insurance for liability. Judy Kono will investigate the insurance issue. The number of participants is unknown at this point. Adult chaperones, including Susan Bottari, will oversee this activity, and Don Hamasaki will serve as our temple contact.

PHONEVITE: This system will be started, and Denise Lapidus has agreed to serve as the chief administrator. Tony Hale volunteered to instruct users.

BBT-ONLY SILENT AUCTION: Rev. Matsumoto reported that Norman Hirose is currently in the process of refurbishing several old obutsudan donated to the temple. These will be made available to members via silent auction bids in the fall with details forthcoming.

OSEMBETSU FOR DIANA THOMPSON: An osembetsu will be presented to Minister's Assistant Diana Thompson at our Obon/Hatsubon service. MSC: Lucy Hamai/Kiyoshi Katsumoto. She will be bid farewell at the coffee social following service before she returns to Denver sometime this summer.

BISHOP ASCENSION SERVICE: Rev. Matsumoto reported that our Northern California Gagaku Group performed at the Accession service for Bishop Kodo Umezu. An oiwai for Bishop Umezu was previously approved by email vote.

REQUEST FOR FACILITIES USAGE BY BERKELEY ROTARY CLUB: A verbal request was received for a September 9 Koto and Shakuhachi concert from 3 to 4:30. Co-president Nishimura will forward a usage application to this organization. If granted, David Ushijima volunteered to serve as the temple liaison for this event.

DHARMA SCHOOL APPRECIATION: Belated appreciation gifts will be sent to our DS superintendent Karen Kato and four teachers: Mimi Kagehiro, Joyce Oishi, Irene Asao Wells, and Helen Tagawa. Art Nishimura will facilitate the sending of checks.

NATIONAL BOARD ISSUES: Lucy Hamai gave a summary. 1) Organizational changes at Hongwanji: the Abbott is now in charge of Buddhist Education and spiritual matters with the Governing Board overseeing administrative matters; 2) Change of by-laws regarding proxy votes; 3) representation by size of temple. BCA now wants each temple to apply for its own tax ID number and to no longer use BCA's number hereafter.

Yuki Otake and Judy Kono were thanked for the delicious refreshments. Next month: Don Hamasaki

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm with closing gassho led by Rev. Matsumoto.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emiko Katsumoto, Acting recording secretary

PLEASE CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER IF FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THESE MINUTES IS NEEDED.

# BCA Center for Buddhist Education Upcoming Events

at the Jodo Shinshu Center, 2140 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, California

For more details and online registration about these programs, please visit [www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org](http://www.BuddhistChurchesofAmerica.org) call 510-809-1460 or email [director@cbe-bca.org](mailto:director@cbe-bca.org)

## Waking Up to the Dharma!

Enjoy early morning Jodo Shinshu Buddhist traditions  
Chanting, Dharma discussion, Simple breakfast



Guest Dharma Teachers: \* 7/30 Rev. Ryuta Furumoto

\* 7/31 Rev. Eijun Kujo \* 8/1 Rev. Kiyonobu Kuwahara \* 8/2 Rev. Zuikei Taniguchi

July 30 – August 2, 2012 Monday - Thursday 7 am – 8:30 am

Drop in to any or all sessions. No registration fee. Donations gratefully accepted.

BCA Center for Buddhist Education presents:

### A FREE PUBLIC LECTURE

## FROM SHINJIN TO SHINSHU: Organizing and Disciplining the *dogyo*

Guest Speaker:

**Dr. Neil McMullin**

*scholar and author on Buddhist studies and Japanese religions*

**Saturday, August 4, 2012**

**1:00 – 3:30 pm**

This lecture will examine the birth and early development of Shinshu in the three centuries following the death of Shinran, focusing on the establishment of moral codes in the emerging Shin tradition in that period, and the ways in which the school related with the political (secular) authorities of that time.

Join us for this insightful and informative look into the history and development of Shinshu.

*Open to the public. All are welcome!*

BCA Center for Buddhist Education presents

## The **ABCs** of Dharma School: A SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS

# STORYTELLING

*EXPERIENCING THE DHARMA IN OUR LIVES*

**August 10-12, 2012**

Guest Speaker: **Reverend Marvin Harada** with Special Guest: **“Freddie the Frog”**

Special Presentation by: **Kiyo Masuda**, Educational Resource Specialist

**“Making the Dharma Connection in Children’s Books”**

This interactive workshop is appropriate for all Dharma School teachers, Pre-K - High School. We will explore various ways stories are told, including but not limited to the use of contemporary children's literature, music, movies, and poetry.

**Registration: \$75 due by August 1, 2012**



J-SEI

# J-SEI FAMILY FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

11:00AM-3:00PM

EL CERRITO COMMUNITY CENTER

7007 MOESER LANE

EL CERRITO, CA 94530



Remember those old time community picnics? What better day than Grandparents Day to host a 21st century, multi-generational community event? Please join us Sunday, September 9, from 11:00am to 3:00pm, at the El Cerrito Community Center. This community-wide, free Family Festival will feature Japanese cultural activities, demonstrations, food, and fun for all ages. Planned indoor and outdoor activities include:

- Anime Drawing
- Food Booths
- Furoshiki Tying
- Gyotaku Fish Rubbing Art
- Ikebana Demonstration
- Martial Arts Demonstration
- Origami Making
- Sake Tasting
- Sushi Making

We hope you will celebrate Grandparents Day by making this a multi-generational family tradition.

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## Services

Our regular Sunday program begins with a Family Service at 9:30am. A Dharma talk is available after the Family Service while Dharma School classes are convened for students.

### Special Services

January 1	Shusho-e	New Year's Day Service
February 5	Nehan-e	Nirvana Day
March 18	Ohigan	Spring Equinox
April 1	Hanamatsuri	Flower Festival
May 13	Gotan-e	Birthday of Shinran
July 8	Kangi-e	Obon
September 16	Ohigan	Autumn Equinox
November 11	Hoonko	Shinran Shonin Memorial
December 2	Jodo-e	Bodhi Day
December 31	Joya-e	Year End Service

A Shotsuki Hoyo (Monthly Memorial) Service is held the last Sunday of each month.

## Dharma School

Our Dharma School (Sunday School) has classes from preschool through high school. Our teachers are happy to discuss the appropriate level of spiritual enrichment for your child.

## Monthly Discussions

In our discussions, we strive to experience the Buddha-Dharma with our entire selves – with our bodies (quiet sitting and other forms of meditation), voices (chanting and other liturgy) and minds (study and discussion).

Our sessions focus on ways in which Buddhist teaching and practice can impact our everyday lives. Each session will take up a different topic and so you are welcome to attend any or all sessions.

All interested persons are welcome to attend. Please invite your friends! We hope to see you!

## Visitor Information

Please feel free to ask any of our greeters for information. We are here to assist you with whatever level of participation you may be seeking.

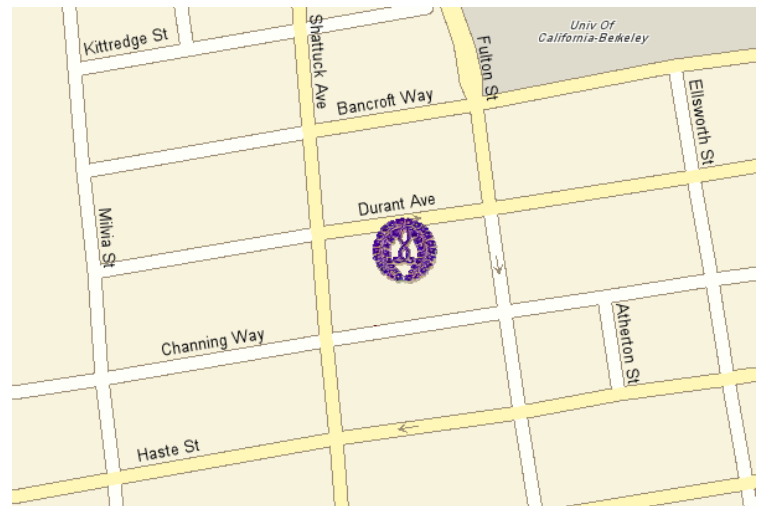
Whether you are here to satisfy a slight interest or to make a more personal connection, we wish you well and hope that you will be visiting us again soon.

## Membership Information

Membership is open to all who view our Temple as their religious home and seek the Buddha-Dharma.

To join, complete a membership form, have your name entered on the membership roll and support the Temple through a pledge and participation.

To inquire about becoming a member, please speak with our Membership Chair or Minister.



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